

San Joaquin River, many of whom were prospectors looking to strike it rich in gold country.

Although small, Firebaugh is home to a thriving community. Known as the "Jewel of the San Joaquin," Firebaugh is home to a rich agricultural industry. The major crops grown in the region include tomato, garlic, cantaloupes, and cotton, as well as various other fruits, vegetables, and nuts. In addition to agriculture, Firebaugh has seen new growth in manufacturing, packing, and processing plants in recent years.

As one of the oldest historical towns on the Central Valley's Westside, Firebaugh has a rich history and certainly has a bright future ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the City of Firebaugh, California on their centennial celebration.

HONORING MAGENIUM SOLUTIONS, LLC

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magenium Solutions, LLC, an IT services firm based out of my hometown of Glen Ellyn, which has been recognized as being one of the best places to work in the State of Illinois. Magenium Solutions is a company dedicated to delivering technology based answers to hundreds of businesses nationwide. They are well known for improving the productivity of their clients, helping them to stay competitive and reducing costs through the use of technology.

For the second year in a row, Magenium Solutions has earned the distinction of being one of the "Best Places to Work in Illinois" by the Daily Herald Business Ledger, one of only sixty Illinois companies to receive this honor. With more than 60 employees, Magenium Solutions strives to provide a work life balance, career growth, professional development, training, and incentives aimed at helping employees move forward successfully on their career paths. In addition, Inc. Magazine has ranked Magenium Solutions as one of the nation's fastest growing private companies.

Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in honoring Magenium Solutions for their legacy of achievement and care not only for their clients, but also for their employees.

HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Vintners. In an outstanding display of generosity, Napa Valley Vintners donated \$10 million to create a Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund, which will be used to help residents and businesses recover from the recent earthquake in our Napa Valley.

In the aftermath of this devastating earthquake, the Napa Valley Vintners sprung into

action. Propelled by a desire to help our community in its time of need, the Napa Valley Vintners devised a plan to help those impacted by the earthquake in a big way. The creation of this fund and the initial pledge of \$10 million will provide immediate financial assistance for individuals and businesses as they work to get back on their feet. The Napa Valley Vintners hope that this fund will grow with additional donations and thereby be able to help even more people throughout our community. With the generosity of groups like the Napa Valley Vintners, our 5th Congressional District will be back up and running in no time.

I am proud to represent a district with kind-hearted, community-minded and generous people such as those with the Napa Valley Vintners. Mr. Speaker, the Napa Valley Vintners deserve to be recognized and honored here today.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,757,884,048,448.05. We've added \$7,131,006,999,534.97 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELBARTON SCHOOL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Delbarton School in the Township of Morris, Morris County, as it celebrates its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

The Delbarton School is an independent, all male, Roman Catholic school led by the Benedictine Monks of St. Mary's Abbey. Founded in 1939, the school has graduated more than 4,000 students and has a current enrollment of about 540 students. The school's motto "Succisa Virescit" conveys the value of perseverance, a principle on which the school was founded. Delbarton's first graduating class consisted of only 8 students from grades sixth, seventh, and eighth. It was not until 1942 that an upper school was added by Headmaster Father Stephan Findlay.

In the late 1800s Luther Kountze, a wealthy stock broker from New York, began to purchase land in rural New Jersey and quickly accumulated over 4,000 acres. In 1883 he built a large mansion and decided to call it Delbarton. The name comes from taking a syllable from each of his first three children's names: Barclay Ward, William Delancey, and Helen Livingston. After Mr. Kountze's death in 1918, the property was put up for sale and in 1927 St. Mary's Abbey bought 400 acres of

the property, including the mansion and farm. They planned to use the property as a place to start educating their younger members.

Situated on 200 acres in rural Morris County, Delbarton is home to rolling hills and picturesque landscapes as well as impressive facilities. The school boasts a 24,000 square foot science pavilion, 4 science labs, 6 computer labs, a 36,000 square foot Fine Arts Center, a language lab, and a 25,000 volume library. The Delbarton School offers a traditional liberal arts education serving grades 7–12. The school is founded on the 1,500 year old tradition of Benedictine learning which is based on the Judeo-Christian tradition and pursues development of the whole person, both in spirit and in mind. They believe that there is more to the education of men than just academics and strive to create an environment where both personal and religious confirmation can be acquired.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the Delbarton School, its teachers and administration, trustees and many successful alumni and supporters, as it celebrates its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary.

SAFE AND SECURE DRINKING WATER ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Safe and Secure Drinking Water Act, an important step to sustain America's clean drinking water.

On August 2, Microcystin-laced, toxic algae overtook the drinking water intake process for Toledo, Ohio during an explosion of algae growth in western Lake Erie. For three days, half a million Americans were without safe drinking water.

In Toledo, the taps are back on, but the crisis remains.

The growth of harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie will continue to threaten communities, local economies, and the 11 million people who depend on the lake for fresh water. Until the flow of algae-feeding nutrients into the lake is stopped, the risk of further water emergencies will persist.

This concern is not isolated to Lake Erie. Millions of Americans across the country rely on drinking water from natural sources that are similarly threatened by increasing levels of nutrient runoff, and the resulting toxic algal growth.

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes harmful algal blooms as a major environmental problem in all 50 states, with severe impacts on human health.

Despite this realization, the U.S. EPA fails to take a most basic step to protect public safety—setting federal guidelines or standards for unsafe consumption levels, testing practices to determine the presence of Microcystin in water systems, or feasible treatment techniques. Without these basic protections, millions of Americans' health is at risk.

This necessary legislation will compel the EPA to take these important first steps within 90 days of its passage, and in the absence of regulatory action, to report on additional steps

to promote safer practices in areas affected by harmful algal blooms.

Mr. Speaker, our communities across this great nation need this guidance and cannot continue to wait. The Safe and Secure Drinking Water Act must be passed quickly to provide our communities the guidance and answers they need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, on August 1, 2014, I was off of the House floor for rollcall vote No. 480 on agreeing to the Senate Amendment to H.J. Res. 76—Emergency supplemental funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system. I would have voted “yes.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I missed one recorded vote on September 8. I would like to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for that vote.

On rollcall No. 482, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office,” I would have voted “aye.”

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MIYA FAMILY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Miya Family for being named the 2014 Agriculturalist of the Year by the Kings County Farm Bureau. The Miya Family's history exemplifies the hard work and dedication of California's farmers.

The Miya Family, of Hanford, California, has been farming in Kings County since the early 1900s. The family farm was started by Katsunosuke Miya, a recent immigrant from Japan, who settled in Kings County in 1914 and first started working at Vierra Ranch in Hanford. By 1920, Katsunosuke began farming property for Lacey Milling Company. In 1932, Katsunosuke was ready to purchase his own property and began farming 40 acres independently. This was the first establishment of the Miya's farming operation in Kings County. By the late 1930s, the Miya family had expanded their operation to include over 200 acres of land, growing and drying apricots and peaches, as well as cultivating Muscat grapes and oats for horses on the farm.

Katsunosuke built a great foundation for his eight children, but with the start of World War II, the family, including Katsunosuke's two sons Harry and Kiyoshi, was forced to evac-

uate to the Fresno Assembly Center and was later moved to Jerome, Arkansas. By 1946, Harry and Kiyoshi had both returned to Hanford to join their parents growing walnuts, grapes, apricots, peaches, and cotton. Harry and Kiyoshi worked side by side with their father and later became partners, taking over the family business that their parents had worked hard to build.

In 1976, Miya Farms, Inc. was established by Harry and Kiyoshi, who worked together on the farm for almost 60 years. Today, Harry's children run the daily operations at Miya farms, growing walnuts and pistachios. The Miya family has persevered and thrived and truly embodies what it means to achieve the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker it is with great pride that I congratulate the Miya Family for being named the Kings County Farm Bureau's 2014 Agriculturalist of the Year.

REMEMBERING S. TRUETT CATHY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of distinguished entrepreneur and philanthropist S. Truett Cathy, who died early this week at the age of 93, and to honor him for the legacy he has left in Georgia and across the country.

A native Georgian from Eatonton, Cathy moved with his family to Atlanta when he was four. There, he attended Boys High, now known as Grady High. In 1946, Cathy built a tiny diner in Hapeville, which would eventually develop into Chick-fil-A—the nation's largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain based on annual system-wide sales and one of the nation's largest family-owned companies. Cathy created the sandwich that became the company's signature item—the original Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich.

Currently, Chick-fil-A has more than 1,800 locations operating in 40 states and Washington, D.C., and currently holds an unparalleled record of 47 consecutive years of annual sales increases. But Truett was much more than just a notable businessman: he was a devout Southern Baptist who was active in teaching the word of the Lord to youngsters. His devotion to his religion and “principles before profits” attitude showed in his “closed on Sunday” policy—giving employees time for family, worship, or rest.

In addition, Cathy took a keen interest in his local community by creating the WinShape Foundation in 1984, an organization aimed at helping young people succeed in life through scholarships and youth support programs. Also, through Cathy's Leadership Scholarship Program, Chick-fil-A has donated more than \$32 million in financial assistance to their employees seeking higher education since 1973. Truett Cathy exemplified what it meant to give back to the community. In his own words, “I'd like to be remembered as one who kept my priorities in the right order. We live in a changing world, but we need to be reminded that the important things have not changed. I have always encouraged my restaurant operators and team members to give back to the local community. We should be about more than

just selling chicken; we should be a part of our customers' lives and the communities in which we serve.”

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Truett Cathy's family and loved ones during these most difficult of times. It saddens me to know that the world is now missing such an honorable man, but I am humbled to know that he is in a better place—now that he's left our world a better one.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDERICK LEO WAHL

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate and celebrate the life and extraordinary contributions of Frederick Leo Wahl, one of the most knowledgeable and insightful government relations professionals many of us had the privilege of knowing.

Fred was a selfless patriot in support of our Great Nation since the late 1960s, beginning with his days as a Naval Intelligence Officer, then as special assistant to the Director of Naval Intelligence, and as staff for Senator Frank Church of Idaho.

Fred continued his service to our country and troops as Manager of Advanced Program Planning at E-Systems, and then Director of Strategic Planning for Raytheon Systems Company. When Raytheon acquired E-Systems, he continued his rise to the top of his field and was an active participant in the subsequent merger and acquisition of Hughes and Texas Instruments. Fred then joined a technology startup company, ComCept, which was acquired by L-3 Communications. For the past 14 years, Fred served as Vice President of Government Relations for L-3, assisting business units with congressional visits, interpreting legislative bills and representing the L-3 brand on Capitol Hill and throughout the Washington, DC, area.

Fred was selected to attend the Harvard JFK School of Government's Executive Course for National/International Security Executives and the Penn State Executive Development Forum. He attended Idaho State University, where he was Class President and Student Body President. Later he attended the University of Oklahoma, the National Law Center at George Washington University, the U.S. Navy Integrated Operational Intelligence Center and the Joint Air Intelligence Training Center.

Fred always made time for his family. His two daughters Camille Wahl and Stephanie Wahl, his grandchildren Fernando Daniel Gonzalez, Holden Khaira, Atticus Khaira, Ethan Taylor, and Sophie Taylor were the center of his personal life. Fred frequently took his grandchildren with him on vacations to exotic locations around the world. Travel and learning were a legacy Fred wanted to pass on to the next generations. He hoped to inspire curiosity and give his family a sense of perspective through their exposure to new places and people.

Fred Wahl was the kind of man who could make even a new acquaintance feel like an old and trusted friend. He always had an anecdote to keep the story interesting and remind us that we can do the crucial work of the